

Acting Assistant Director for Operations

3 April 1958

Chief, PHID

Monthly Progress Report for March 1958

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1 DEP CH *lks*
6 CH ENGR *WLS*
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OPERATIONS

1. On the basis of material supplied by the Panama cruising post, it has been determined that a significant improvement of Latin American coverage can be achieved by permanently assigning a Spanish monitor to the post. Mr. Lorenzo Torres, West Coast Bureau, has accepted the assignment and will visit headquarters in May for training in additional responsibilities prior to his PCS. In order not to reduce WCB Latin American coverage capability, the new position will be taken from the East Coast Bureau, where the Scandinavian monitor position will be abolished because of serious deterioration of results from that area.

2. The problem of covering the burgeoning field of Arabic broadcasting has reached serious dimensions and become further complicated by resignations at the Mediterranean Bureau and a shift by the EEC from Satellite to North African coverage. The subject will be discussed at the forthcoming PHIS-EEC Coordination Committee meeting. A recruiting trip carried out this month at Beirut by the Mediterranean Bureau Chief Monitor resulted in the interviewing and testing of several promising Arabic linguists.

3. The Chinese Bureau Hindi monitor, on home leave in India, has been authorized to cooperate with UNIS New Delhi in the recruitment and testing of candidates for the position of Bengali-English monitor at Chinawa to cover Bengali broadcasts from Moscow. An intelligence report indicated Peking may also introduce broadcasts in that language.

4. The Chinese Bureau has carried out excellent coverage of the Indonesian revolution despite seasonal deterioration of reception and Jakarta efforts to jam rebel transmissions. Exploration of Saigon Bureau's capacity to provide an improved reception point for an Chinese monitor on TVN was initially promising, but sharp deterioration due to seasonal conditions has since caused the plan to be suspended. A request to the EEC for information on the availability of Singapore as a temporary site is pending review by the Colonial Office.

5. A revival of the former "Free Greece Radio", silent since 31 December 1955, has been intercepted under the new name, "Voice of Truth." Although Leipzig transmitter is now used, rather than Bucharest, the announcers of the station are the same. Another quasi-clandestine transmission from Leipzig was

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discovered beaming tests to Turkey; regular broadcasts are to begin on 1 April, according to the announcements. Special reports on these transmitters have been given to DD/P elements.

6. Six or seven clandestine Cuban radio stations of various rebel groups have been detected and covered during the past month. Several are believed to be using the same Costa Rican transmitter previously DF'ed by FOC at FBIS request.

7. FBIS has furnished ORN Map Division a draft, in color, of a map of the USSR illustrating the current structure of Soviet regional broadcasting. This map will be printed by the Agency and incorporated in a revision to the ORN 1954 publication on USSR broadcasting.

8. On 13 March a long-standing anachronism was corrected by a decision to rename our consumer wire the "FBIS Wire Service." Formerly called the "B-Wire" by FBIS personnel and by a variety of other names by external consumers, the appellation had been inappropriate since the end of the war, when the FBIS "A-Wire" was discontinued. At the same time, certain other innovations in FBIS wire format, designed to enhance its usefulness to consumers, were inaugurated, including the following:

a. Short descriptive topical heads appearing above the logograph are now used to introduce many wire items.

b. Items of more than usual interest are highlighted by the use of the word "bulletin" preceded and followed by five balls, as a means of alerting consumers and insuring prompt distribution by wire personnel.

c. "FBIS Wire Highlights," consisting of abbreviated references to the major items filed during the previous 6-hour period, are now included on the wire at the end of each editorial shift.

9. On 21 March the Chief, FBIS Wire Service, completed an extended survey of wire consumers. The survey was designed to determine the degree to which the wire meets the needs of consumers, to elicit constructive criticism, and to acquaint the chief of the wire service with the physical apparatus available to our users for the distribution and use of FBIS materials. The survey involved conversations with individuals who in many cases occupy key positions in the intelligence field within their respective organizational units. Without exception, consumers were extremely well pleased with the service and almost all stated that the FBIS Wire was indispensable to their operations.

10. As part of the continuing program to enhance the usefulness and quality of the FBIS Daily Report, certain changes in format were instituted during March after an extended period of study and investigation. These include the following:

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a. All of the reports, including supplements and world radio and press reaction reports, are now reproduced under preprinted covers.

b. The daily "Pink Sheet" of significant foreign radio reportage is also reproduced under a preprinted block heading.

c. The reverse side of the Daily Report cover now contains a preprinted description of the report format.

d. A change in the copyright warning included on the new covers reflects a basic change in approach to the "voice" and "press" segments of the book. In order to permit wider distribution of items printed on OFFICIAL USE ONLY pages for purely technical reasons, where no copyright or other restrictions need limit distribution, such items now bear the notation "UNCLASSIFIED" after the item identification.

11. During March, FBIS was the sole or a contributing source for 31% of the items published in the OCI Daily Digest.

12. Supplements to the Daily Report:

a. 3 March -- Farm Policy Theses to be Presented to the USSR Supreme Soviet by N. S. Khrushchev

b. 11 March -- World Radio and Press Comment on the Indonesian Crisis

c. 17 March -- N. S. Khrushchev's Pre-election Speech to his Kalinin Constituents, March 14, 1958

d. 18 March -- A. I. Mikoyan's Pre-election Speech to his Stalin Bayan Constituents in Yaroslavl, March 11, 1958

e. 18 March -- Josip Broz-Tito's Election Speech to his Belgrade Constituents, March 16, 1958

f. 25 March -- World Radio and Press Comment on the Indonesian Crisis (No. 2)

g. 28 March -- N. S. Khrushchev's Farm Policy Speech to the USSR Supreme Soviet, March 27, 1958

h. 31 March -- USSR Foreign Minister Gromyko's Statement to Supreme Soviet on Suspension of Nuclear Tests.

13. Radio Propaganda Reports:

a. "Elections of Central Committee Presidium Members to 1958 Supreme Soviet: Breakdown of 'Collective Leadership'"

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b. "New Concerted Soviet Bloc Propaganda Campaign Against 'Revisionism'".

c. "The Syrian Crisis in Soviet Propaganda: August-November 1957," requested by USIA.

d. "Soviet Bloc and Yugoslav Reaction to Khrushchev's Plan for Reorganizing Machine-Tractor Stations".

e. "New Communist Clandestine Broadcasts to Greece and Turkey".

f. "Draft Program of the Yugoslav Communist Party: A Restatement of Ideological Positions Opposed by Moscow".

14. Special Propaganda Analysis Services:

a. A report on Soviet propaganda reaction to U. S. plans for IREX bases was forwarded to OMB in support of EMB 100-4-53, "Probable Sino-Soviet Reactions to U. S. Deployment of IREX's on the Bloc Periphery." A copy was furnished State Department OIR/DES on request.

b. A statistical study of the volume and timing of Moscow radio propaganda on selected key topics was prepared for USIA/IRI.

c. FBID contributed to OCI support of the U. S. delegation at the SEATO Council meeting in Manila, 10-12 March. Advance drafts of the Moscow and Peking Trends and Highlights and a type-script background report on Sino-Soviet propaganda treatment of the conference were sent to OCI before the sessions opened. The report was brought up to date in an item on the FBID Wire.

d. Other propaganda analysis items on the Wire included:

(1) observations on communist replies to the Polish proposal for a central European nuclear-free zone, requested by State OIR/DES; and

(2) observations on the 29 February Soviet memorandum to the United States proposing a "procedural" foreign ministers conference.

15. Other special services rendered by FBID:

The service to Ambassador Matthews' office in Geneva continued.

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FACILITIES**16. Communications**

a. Arrangements have been completed for activation of Phase III of the communications plan on 3 April at 0001 GRT. This involves allocation of one channel each to and from Tokyo, relay of other Far Eastern Bureau traffic to Washington by Tokyo Bureau, and relay of West Coast Bureau traffic to and from the Far East by Washington. Phase IV of the plan, the duplex allocation between Okinawa and Tokyo, is now estimated to be activated about 13 April.

b. Limited classified electrical communication with the Hokkaido Bureau on an urgency basis has been arranged through the Department of State and the American Consulate, Sapporo. Heretofore, the fastest possible service has been through the existing channel to Tokyo, thence by air-pouch to Hokkaido.

c. At the request of FE, a teleprinter was installed in Room 2011 J Building on 13 March 1953 to receive the FEIS Wire Service. Two teleprinters are now in operation serving the DD/P complex.

17. A statement by [] of the Office of Special Operations, OSD, indicates that facilities at Chitose I in Hokkaido will probably be phased out in 1961 by ASA, who expect by then to be self-supporting at Chitose III. FEIS is therefore considering an investment of approximately \$18,000 at Camp Strong in facilities to be depreciated over the next three years.

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18. A heavy snowfall on 19 and 20 March resulted in heavy damage to the antenna field at the East Coast Bureau due to snow loading on the antenna curtains. Only three of 14 Rhombic antennas were undamaged. Repair operations are being undertaken.

19. A water line will be installed on West Coast Bureau property to connect the Bureau line from the well to the new Sonoma County water line. To reduce cost to FEIS, permission has been obtained from Real Estate and Construction Division and GSA for the contracting to be done directly between the Bureau and the County.

20. At the Okinawa Bureau, motor pool construction is 72% complete, the duplex porches 47% complete and quarters rehabilitation 45% complete.

ADMINISTRATION

21. After discussion with FEID, revised procedures for clearance of non-American employees have been approved by the Office of Security, and Bureaus have been instructed accordingly.

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22. Two new position titles have been added to the non-classified Mediterranean Bureau wage scale: that of CY-8, Electronic Technician and CY-10, Electronic Specialist. No change in F/O strength is involved.

23. Arrangements have been made for the first Area Familiarization tour to be undertaken by an FBI employee. [redacted], an editor at the Mediterranean Bureau, will leave on 21 April. His itinerary will generally encompass the Middle East area.

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24. Effective as of 9 March, foreign national employees have been eligible to apply for career status and membership in the Civil Service Retirement System. To date, [redacted] employees have been formally accepted.

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25. Orientations in FBI operations included a visit by the Chief and Deputy Chief of ESE/State on 26 March 1958.

26. During March two persons entered on duty, none were separated. The total on-duty figure of [redacted] included six on LDCP.

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Signed: [redacted]

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Attachments:

Production Report
Personnel Supplement
Requirements
Daily Report Worklog



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DAILY REPORT WORDAGE FOR MARCH 1958

<u>DAILY REPORT BOOK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
West Europe and Near East	611,200	29,104 (21 publication days)
USSR and East Europe	1,015,200	48,342 " " "
Latin America	112,400	5,352 " " "
Far East	754,800	35,942 " " "
Supplements: USSR/EE (6)	70,800	11,800 (6 issues)
World Reaction Reports	16,400	8,200 (2 issues)

TOTAL WORDAGE ALL SECTIONS:	2,493,600
TOTAL DAILY AVERAGE:	118,742
TOTAL WIRE SERVICE AVERAGE:	618,150
WIRE SERVICE DAILY AVERAGE:	19,908

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1. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, March 1958
(Averages computed on basis of 5-day week)

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE FILED	WORDAGE PUBLISHED	ECONOMIC ABSTRACTS (No. Items)
Austrian	3 1/2	12,590*	4,330*	0
East Coast	121 3/4	11,550	8,120	1
German	27 1/2	15,200*	6,900*	0
Hokkaido	16 1/2	7,400	6,570	71
London	235 1/2	63,000	30,000	53
Mediterranean	74 1/2	42,100	19,500	41
Okinawa	108 1/2	35,400	26,400	8
Saigon	8	5,900*	5,000*	0
Tokyo	26 1/4	5,200*	3,200*	0
West Coast	<u>103</u>	<u>21,900</u>	<u>11,400</u>	<u>18</u>
Total	725	220,240	121,420	192

*Includes Press Scrutiny

2. A daily average of 70,561 words were filed to EEC.

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PERSONNEL SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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1. Summary

<u>Number of Personnel</u>	<u>American</u>							<u>Native</u>	
	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>	<u>On Duty</u>	<u>In Process</u>	<u>Entered On Duty</u>	<u>Promo- tions</u>	<u>Trans- ferred</u>	<u>Separated</u>	<u>T/O</u> <u>On Duty</u>
Departmental									
U. S. Field									
Foreign Field (V)									
Foreign Field (UV)									
Department & Field (Total)									

* Includes
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2. Personnel Entering on Duty

<u>Name, Title, Grade</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>	
	Editorial Branch (Transferred from Personnel)	28 March 1958	50X1
	West Coast Bureau	31 March 1958	

3. Promotions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>	
	Brdcst Mon (Multi), GS-8 East Coast Bureau	Brdcst Mon (Multi), GS-9 East Coast Bureau	23 February 1958	50X1
	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-4 Editorial Branch	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-5 Editorial Branch	23 February 1958	
	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-6 Editorial Branch	Teleg Typwr Opr Sup, GS-7 Editorial Branch	9 March 1958	
	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-3 East Coast Bureau	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-4 East Coast Bureau	9 March 1958	
	Electronic Spec, GS-9 Mediterranean Bureau	Electronic Spec, GS-11 Mediterranean Bureau	9 March 1958	
	Electronic Tech, GS-8 West Coast Bureau	Electronic Tech, GS-9 West Coast Bureau	23 March 1958	
	Secretary (Steno), GS-4 Editorial Branch	Secretary (Steno), GS-5 Editorial Branch	23 March 1958	

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Reassignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Teleg Typwr Opr Sup, GS-7 Editorial Branch	Teleg Typwr Opr Sup, GS-7 Tokyo Bureau	23 February 1958
	Electron Eng (Radio), GS-11 West Coast Bureau	Electronic Spec, GS-11 West Coast Bureau	12 January 1958
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 Saigon Bureau	23 February 1958
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-7 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-7 East Coast Bureau	9 March 1958
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-7 East Coast Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-7 Editorial Branch	9 March 1958
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 Editorial Branch	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-9 Saigon Bureau	9 March 1958
	Teleg Typwr Opr Sup, GS-5 Tokyo Bureau	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-5 East Coast Bureau	23 March 1958

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OO Career Service Program

a. ☐ employees have been accepted for Career Staff membership of which ☐ have submitted Career Preference Outlines to Personnel.

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b. Training Activities

Internal (O/TR)	895 hours
Internal (FSID)	608 hours
External (Agency Paid)	244 hours
External (Private)	65 hours

Total Headquarters in Training 1,812 hours - 7.4%

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS CONTROL

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